

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently Amended) A ringpost assembly comprising:

a first ringpost having a first outer member and a first inner member secured therein, the first outer member having a plurality of notches adjacent a first end thereof; and

a second ringpost secured to the first ringpost, the second ringpost having a second outer member and a second inner member secured therein, the second outer member having a plurality of fingers adjacent a first end thereof,

wherein the notches of the first ~~ringpost~~ **outer member** receive the fingers of the second ~~ringpost~~ **outer member** to self-align the first ringpost and the second ringpost,

wherein the first outer member and the second outer member are hubs and the first inner member and the second inner member are threaded fasteners.

12. (Original) The ringpost assembly of claim 11, further comprising a third ringpost secured to the second ringpost.

13. (Cancelled).

14. (Original) The ringpost assembly of claim 11, wherein the first inner member has a shoulder extending beyond a first end of the first outer member when the first inner member is secured within the first outer member.

15. (Original) The ringpost assembly of claim 11, wherein the second inner member has a shoulder extending beyond a first end of the second outer member when the second inner member is secured within the second outer member.

16. (Original) The ringpost assembly of claim 11, wherein each of the first outer member and the second outer member has a plurality of rungs equidistantly spaced thereabout.

17. (Original) The ringpost assembly of claim 11, wherein the first inner member is snap-fitted within the first outer member and the second inner member is snap-fitted within the second outer member.

18. (Original) The ringpost assembly of claim 11, wherein the second outer member has a plurality of notches adjacent a second end thereof.

19. (Currently Amended) The ringpost assembly of claim 18, wherein a first sleeve circumscribes the notches of the first ~~ringpost~~ outer member and a second sleeve circumscribes the notches of the second ~~ringpost~~ outer member.

20. (Original) The ringpost assembly of claim 18, wherein the first outer member has

a plurality of fingers adjacent a second end thereof.

21. (Currently Amended) The ringpost assembly of claim 20, wherein the fingers of the first ~~ringpost~~ outer member are vertically aligned with the notches of the first ~~ringpost~~ outer member.

22. (Previously Presented) A ringpost comprising:
an outer member having a rib along an interior surface, a plurality of rungs equidistantly spaced about the outer member, and four notches adjacent a first end thereof, wherein a sleeve circumscribes the notches; and

an inner member secured within the outer member, the inner member having a groove along an exterior surface that receives the rib,

wherein the outer member rotates about the inner member after the inner member is secured within the outer member.

23. (Previously Presented) A ringpost comprising:
an outer member having a rib along an interior surface, a plurality of rungs equidistantly spaced about the outer member, four notches adjacent a first end thereof, and four fingers adjacent a second end thereof; and

an inner member secured within the outer member, the inner member having a groove along an exterior surface that receives the rib,

wherein the outer member rotates about the inner member after the inner member is secured within the outer member.

24. (Previously Presented) The ringpost of claim 23, wherein the fingers are vertically aligned with the notches.

25-27. (Cancelled).

28. (Previously Presented) A ringpost comprising:
an outer member having a rib along an interior surface and a plurality of rungs equidistantly spaced about the outer member and four notches adjacent a first end thereof; and
an inner member snap-fitted within the outer member, the inner member having a groove along an exterior surface that receives the rib,
wherein the outer member rotates about the inner member after the inner member is snap-fitted within the outer member.

29. (Previously Presented) The ringpost of claim 28, wherein a sleeve circumscribes the notches.

30. (Previously Presented) The ringpost of claim 28, wherein the outer member has four fingers adjacent a second end thereof.

31. (Previously Presented) The ringpost of claim 30, wherein the fingers are vertically aligned with the notches.

32. (Currently Amended) A ringpost assembly comprising:

a first ringpost having a first outer member and a first inner member secured therein, the first outer member having a plurality of notches adjacent a first end thereof; and

a second ringpost secured to the first ringpost, the second ringpost having a second outer member and a second inner member secured therein, the second outer member having a plurality of fingers adjacent a first end thereof,

wherein the notches of the first ~~ringpost~~ outer member receive the fingers of the second ~~ringpost~~ outer member to self-align the first ringpost and the second ringpost,

wherein the second outer member has a plurality of notches adjacent a second end thereof,

wherein a first sleeve circumscribes the notches of the first ~~ringpost~~ outer member and a second sleeve circumscribes the notches of the second ~~ringpost~~ outer member.